

Safety & Justice Challenge Update – Milwaukee County

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In 2016, Milwaukee County was among 11 jurisdictions selected by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to receive funding and technical assistance to introduce reforms to safely reduce overreliance on the jail and address racial/ethnic disparities in the justice system. Five strategies are currently underway.

Strategy	Description	Key Activities
Book & Refer	Creates process to divert individuals to Milwaukee Police Department district station for booking, release, and referral to the District Attorney's Office. This mirrors suburban practices, cuts processing time, and creates a non-custodial option to handle charges.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented citywide in January 2018 Training for MPD personnel and staff
Crisis Mobile Team, Crisis Assessment Response Team, and Crisis Resource Center	Addition of 4th Crisis Assessment Response Team (CART) as well as promoting outreach and training for law enforcement about community-based mental health resources. This strategy expands available services, directs individuals into community-based services, and increases non-custodial options and training for law enforcement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% MPD patrol officers received Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) 4th CART launched in November 2017
Post-Booking Stabilization	Creates process to divert individuals with mental health conditions from jail into community-based support services. This strategy connects individuals to treatment and support while avoiding in-custody decompensation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening tool implemented PBS launched in September 2017 62 individuals enrolled; 25 discharged (as of February 2018)
Trauma & Family Violence	Provides trauma training to system stakeholders, conducts trauma audit of criminal justice system, requires BHD vendors to provide trauma-informed care, and allows diversions and deferred prosecution agreements with required evidence-based trauma-informed care in eligible family violence cases. This increases recognition and improves response to trauma in the criminal justice system. It also connects families affected by violence with support services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 local trainers participated in trauma "train-the-trainer" session 400+ system stakeholders attended trauma training (as of March 2018) 153 family violence deferred prosecutions entered (as of March 2018)
Expanding Data Capacity & Information Sharing	Increases data sharing between agencies to inform response to system-involved individuals. This aims to improve the coordination of services for individuals, thereby reducing their cyclical involvement in the system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established Data Use Agreement between partners Improves integration between stakeholder data systems